

The regular meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden was held on March 24, 1975 with Chairman, William Press presiding.

The minutes of the January 27 and February 11, 1975 meetings were circulated and on motion was approved.

The Trustees circulated a financial report that showed the budget and actual expenses for 1974-75. Mr. Liberman pointed out that the budget was formulated before the actual taxes were known; therefore the amount spent exceeded the budget. There are seven leaseholders in arrears with total amount unpaid of \$2382.

The Trustees are dealing with a number of possibilities of obtaining federal funds. There is a fund available for Historic Preservation with 50 % funding from federal government and rest from Arden. The restoration of the Frank Stephens Memorial Theatre and possible restoration of the founder home are suggested projects.

The Trustees are going to propose a resolution to apply for Flood Insurance. This insurance is low cost insurance in the flood plain only. If we refuse it, we lose eligibility for any Federal grants.

The Assessors had an organizational meeting and the dates for the open meetings have been chosen.

Budget Committee report by Clyde Davis. The committee had been asked to determine how much had been spent over budgeted figures, but this information is given in the Trustees' financial report.

Auditing Committee no report.

The Civic Committee report was given by Warren Hoffman. The committee held an open meeting attended by two visitors. The 1975 road program is being planned and about \$20,000 of road work in early April is planned so that we can obtain the maximum benefit from our investment. When the Municipal Street Aid funds are received in August, a fall program will be planned. An inspection of the roads will be made on March 28 and all who wish to accompany us are welcome.

The Civic Committee will be sure to leave at least one or two roads as possible candidates for the resurfacing of roads with porous surfacing as planned by the Community Planning Committee with money to be requested from Hud.

We received \$25 for the repair of ruts across Sherwood Green. The slide on the Arden Green was damaged by an automobile. The cost of the repairs will be met by the violator.

The settling of the road at Cherry Lane and Millers road is due to a water or sewer leak. We are working to determine who is responsible for the damage. Residents are reminded that a permit must be obtained before any opening are made in a Village road. These permits can be obtained from Rae Gerstine.

To partially cover the increase in County and School taxes, the Civic Committee has returned \$2,600 to the Trustees from the 1974-75 road budget. A small carry-over in Common funds will be used next year.

The annual clean-up will be scheduled for early May.

Under Ordinance 4 of the Village of Arden, the Civic Committee has

responsibility to establish rules for use ~~the~~^{of} the Arden Greens. Rule 5 adopted in July 1973, restricts access to Arden Green and Field Theatre from dusk to dawn. This rule is to expire on January 1, 1975. The Safety Committee has requested that this rule be reinstated to expire January 1, 1976. On motion the report was accepted.

Buzz Ware Village Center report by William Morley. The new meeting room has been nicely furnished and being used by many of the town committees and other groups. There is about \$4000. in the delayed maintenance fund.

Registration Committee reported that they had their last party for residents on March 16. There are 423 eligible voters for this meeting.

Safety Committee report by Thomas Colgan: The committee held an open meeting on March 4 at Buzz Ware Village Center. To date 21 Arden Police summons have been issued and 17 tickets have been honored. Fines collected to date total \$115. The committee noted that at some points in the village, mail boxes and hedges obstruct the view; thereby, creating a safety hazard. The Committee will draft a proposed ordinance to correct the condition. A resident complained about a school bus being driven over the property and destroying the hedge. A letter to the bus company resulted in rerouting of bus.

A letter was sent to State Highway Department requesting that heavy truck traffic be restricted on Harvey Road. The Safety Committee feels we had good results from Rule 5 restricting use of greens between dusk and dawn and will ask that rule be continued to January 1, 1976.

There is to be no over night parking at Buzz Ware Village Center and ample notice has been given residents.

The Safety Committee wishes to advise residents that cannot enforce the criminal code. The committee will enforce parking ordinance and bring matters to the attention of the police; however, moving traffic violations, life threatening situations, disorderly conduct should be referred to the police immediately. On motion the report was accepted.

A motion was made that the rules be suspended so that the Registration Committee could conduct the elections. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations. Nancy Hjar and Paul van Gulick were nominated to serve on the Community Planning Committee.

The Community Planning report was made by Frank Akutowicz.

1. The tree planting party on Sherwood Green was a success. 14 trees were planted including 2 evergreens, numerous dogwood, cherry, maple and a tulip tree. 7 or 8 people turned out and made this possible.

2. Arden is on the National Register of Historic Places and is eligible for Federal matching funds on a 50/50 basis for historic restoration.

3. The Committee received authorization from the last Town Assembly to act on Arden's application for Federal Community Development Funds and to report back to March Town Assembly. Details of the housing survey have been distributed.

They did apply for grant for a demonstration project for flood control using porous pavements. A description of the project has been distributed. A motion will be made under New Business authorizing the committee to act on the application. On motion report accepted.

The committee to discuss Annexation of Ardentown was reported by Shaul Gladstone. They could only act as an information gathering group. The Trustees of Ardentown did not like the document presented to them by the Ardentown committee. Only a minority favor annexation. There will be a meeting on April 3 to discuss the matter again.

Advisory Committee had a sufficient number of nominees for all committees and more were added from the floor.

Under new business a resolution to form a special committee to make plans for Arden's Diamond Jubilee will be submitted.

The second reading of Ordinance 7-Discharging rifle, etc, or other explosives.

Questions were private use of arrows on own property prohibited? They feel it takes away the parental responsibility. Use of guns has always been prohibited in Arden. People feel that the woods should be posted.

Final action of Ordinance 7 will be taken at the June Town Assembly.

The Community Planning committee presented the following motion:

"The Town Assembly authorizes the Community Planning Committee to act on Arden's application for an Innovative Community Development Demonstration Project Grant for Porous Pavement for Flood Control. If the application is approved, the Town Assembly shall forthwith create an appropriate body to administer the Grant as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The motion carried with one nay vote.

A motion was made and passed with two nay votes that the expiration date of Rule Number 5 will be extended to January 1, 1976. Rule 5 is "No person or group shall occupy the Arden Green bounded by Millers Road, Cherry Lane, Green Lane, and Woodland Lane or the Frank Stephens Memorial Theater between dusk and dawn without the permission of the of the Chairman of the Civic Committee or his designate(s.) "

The following motion was made and passed:

"That the Committee on Assistance Programs for Community Development be abolished and that the function of monitoring possible assistance from County, State, and Federal governments be performed by the Community Planning Committee."

In presenting his motion, Hugh Roberts, Chairman of the Committee felt that it had outlived its usefulness.

The following motion was presented by the Advisory Committee and passed unanimously:

Whereas 1975 is Arden's "diamond" anniversary moved that a special committee be appointed by the Chairman of the Town Assembly to plan and promote appropriate events and projects celebrating Arden's 75th birthday. This committee may also develop plans for events and projects in 1976, the national bicentennial year. Committee members may include non residents of Arden.

Mr. Morley outlined the regulations required to put Arden under the Federal Insurance for flood insurance. Official action must taken by July 15, 1975. The resolution has to state that areas of the Village of Arden are subject to flooding and relief is available from the National Flood Insurance Act. It states that the Town Assembly to require the recognition of flood hazards and it has legal authority to adopt land use and control measures. A motion was made and passed that the Village of Arden apply for Flood Insurance.

A motion was made to thank William Press for his long years of service as Chairman of the Town Assembly. The motion was unanimously carried with a standing ovation.

William Press acknowledged this show of appreciation for his service to Arden and stated that he did not intend to withdraw from community service entirely. He felt that it is good for Arden to have other leadership.

The Registration committee reported that none of the candidates for Town Assembly Chairman had received a majority vote; therefore a vote between Harold Monfort and Thomas Colgan had to be taken again.

Carolyn Liberman said that the Suttons had applied for a post office for Arden, but that they had not received any word on this application. The post office officials said they would have to study the need in this area.

The Registration Committee reported the following elected to serve on the standing committees:

Auditing: Ted Davis, William Bindloss, Alton Dahl.
 Budget: Paul Thompson, Henry Aughey Joseph Naff.
 Civic: Warren Hoffman, Reese Davis, Joan Colgan.
 Community Planning: Frank Akutowicz, Cy Liberman, Ethel Monfort.
 Registration: Sarah Hamburger, Deborah Colgan, Kathleen Worth
 Safety: Thomas Colgan, Shaul Gladstone, Harold Monfort,
 Buzz Ware Village Center: David Adkins, Beatrice Jaffe, Andrew Burslem.

Chairman of Town Assembly: Thomas Colgan
 Advisory Committee Chairman: Carolyn Liberman
 Secretary of Town Assembly: Mary Morley
 Treasurer of Town Assembly: Rae Gerstine

The following volunteered to serve on the Diamond Jubilee Committee:

Virginia Shaw, Mary Burslem, Beatrice Jaffe, Joan Colgan, John Hewlett, Arlene Davis, Dora Johnson, Jean Brachman, Mary Morley, Cy Liberman, William Lantz, Frank Starr, Carolyn Liberman, Ruth Shaw, Thomas Colgan, Bunni Hurlong. It was suggested that William Frank and Robert Wynn be invited to serve. The chairman of the committee will be appointed by Thomas Colgan.

On motion the meeting adjourned,

Mary Morley
 Secretary